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1. ON AUGUST 4, WE DISCUSSED WITH GENERAL TOUFANIAN IRANIAN REQUIREMENT FOR AFFIDIVITS REGARDING USE OF AGENTS IN CONTRACTS WITH GOI. WE SAID THAT WE HAD HEARD THAT ONLY LONG FORM OF AFFIDIVIT WAS BEING UTILIZED BY IIAF AND IRAN ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY. WE SAID THAT USE OF ONE FORM WOULD SIMPLIFY PROCEDURES FOR U.S. BUSINESSES. TOUFANIAN SAID THAT SHORT FORM HAD BEEN DEVELOPED BY HIS OFFICE IN ADVANCE OF LAWYERS' WORK ON LONG FORM. IT WAS INTENDED AS A SAMPLE, BUT IN SOME WAYS HE PREFERRED ITS LACK OF A LAWYER'S LOOPHOLES. BECAUSE SHORT FORM HAD BEEN APPROVED BY SHAH, HE WOULD HAVE TO CHECK TO SEE WHETHER DEFENSE CONTRACTS COULD BE BASED ONLY ON LONG FORM AFFIDIVIT. PERHAPS HE WOULD RETAIN SHORT FORM FOR HIS CONTRACTS. HE WOULD LET US KNOW.

2. PROPOSE TO TAKE NO ACTION ON AIDE MEMOIRE (REFTEL) UNTIL WE HAVE RESPONSE FROM TOUFANIAN ON THIS MATTER.
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